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RE APPLICATION OF Anurug Rathore

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METHOD FOR THE PREPARATION OF GROWTH HORMONE AND TITLE: ANTAGONIST THEREOF HAVING LOWER LEVELS OF ISOFORM IMPURITIES THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner of Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in response to the Office Action, having a Shortened Statutory Period for Reply set to expire on February 28, 2006. A one-month Extension of Time is hereby requested.

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

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An **Appendix** including drawing figures is attached following page 21 of this paper.